

A' cont intended to support the growing in of normal tissue, and of a filling which provides the implant with compressible and thus tissue-like properties. The filling is advantageously formed by an appropriate internal structure or as an alternative it is also possible to use structural elements which have a spherical shape and preferably themselves have an internal structure which makes them compressible.

Page 3, line 24, delete "medical purposes" and add:

-- the reconstruction of soft tissue --;

Page 3, line 26, after "which is" and before "composed of"

add -- characterized in that it is --; and,

A5 Page 3, line 26, after "structural elements" and before

"with a" add -- made of foil having a thickness of 10 to 200

A2 μm

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

A3 1. sub b' (amended) Implant for [medical purposes] the reconstruction of soft tissue based on a physiologically compatible plastic [wherein it is composed of] which comprises thin foldable structural elements made of foil having a thickness of 10-

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200 μm and [having] a surface that is wettable by a fluid lubricant.

2. (amended) ~~Implant~~ [as claimed in] according to claim 1, wherein [it] said implant is surrounded by a covering.

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5. (amended) ~~Implant~~ [as claimed in] according to claim 1 [or 2], wherein [it is composed of] the structural elements ~~comprise tubular foils~~ ^{tubes formed of said foil}.

6. (amended) ~~Implant~~ [as claimed in one of the claims] according to claim 1 [to 5], wherein [it] said implant has a hydrophilized surface.

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7. (amended) ~~Implant~~ [as claimed in] according to claim 6, wherein [it] said implant contains an aqueous fluid as the lubricant.

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8. (amended) ~~Implant~~ according to claim 1 [as claimed in one of the previous claims], wherein the thin ~~foldable~~ ^{pliable} structural element is capable of swelling when contacted with a suitable liquid.

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(amended) Implant [as claimed in one of the previous claims], according to claim 1 wherein the lubricant is swellable.

10. (amended) ~~Implant [as claimed in] according to claim 9, wherein the lubricant is a polysaccharide or glucosaminoglycan.~~

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11. (amended) ~~Implant [as claimed in one of the claims] according to claim 1 [to 5], wherein the thin foldable structural element has a hydrophobized surface.~~

12. (amended) ~~Implant [as claimed in] according to claim 11, wherein [it] said implant contains fat or oil as the fluid lubricant.~~

13. (amended) ~~Implant [as claimed in one of the previous claims] according to claim 1, wherein the plastic is a silicone rubber.~~

14. (amended) ~~Implant [as claimed in] according to claim 13, wherein the silicone rubber is composed of polydimethylsiloxane.~~